

casts his vote for the man whom he considers best adapted for the office. Although he is public-spirited he has never cared to accept official honors. He and his family are members of the Catholic church and he also belongs to the Catholic Association. The son of a pioneer, he worthily carries on the tradition of an honored name in this section and has earned for himself a reputation which is a high credit to him.

HERMANN J. MASSMANN.

Hermann J. Massmann, engaged in general farming upon one hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Winneshiek county, near Ossian, was born in Germany; on the 3d of March, 1866, and is a son of Gerard and Christina (Relt) Massmann, also natives of that country, both of whom have passed away. To their union were born eight children: Gerard, who makes his home in Germany; Barney, also a resident of the fatherland; Lizzie, who married Gerard Steinbach, of Alberta, Canada; Annie, who lives in Germany; Hermann J., of this review : and Mary, Katie and Antone, who have passed away.

Hermann J. Massmann acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and there remained until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way immediately to Iowa and settling in Winneshiek county, where he turned his attention to farming. About 1892 he purchased eighty-five acres of land and has since added one hundred acres to his holdings, his land lying on sections 29 and 32, Military township. Upon this he has made substantial improvements, erecting a fine two story residence, good barns and outbuildings and installing the necessary machinery. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and, being an able and practical agriculturist, has made both branches of his business profitable.

Mr. Massmann married Miss Katie Kleve, and they have become the parents of six children, Henry, Antone, Felix, William, Frank and Mary, all of whom live at home. Mr. Massmann is a member of the Roman Catholic church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He is interested in the growth and development of the section where he resides, but his attention has largely been given to his business affairs and in their capable management he has met with gratifying success.

JOHN M. HEROLD.

John M. Herold was born in Sumner township, Winneshiek county, April 21, 1857. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and now owns a farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres on sections 22 and 23, Sumner township, which is one of the most valuable properties in this district, highly improved and well under cultivation. He is a son of Michael and Margaret (Calener) Herold, both natives of Germany. They came to America about 1848, locating in New York, where they remained for eight years before coming to Winneshiek county. The